



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Handwritten signature

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/534,196	03/24/2000	Christian Francois Michel Dujarric	Q58472	2963

7590 01/09/2004

Sughrue Mion Zinn Macpeak & Seas PLLC
Robert J Seas
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue N W
Washington, DC 20037-3202

EXAMINER

KOCZO JR, MICHAEL

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

3746

DATE MAILED: 01/09/2004

Handwritten number 53

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

0933

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

33

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Michael Koczo, Jr.
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 3746

Response to Amendment

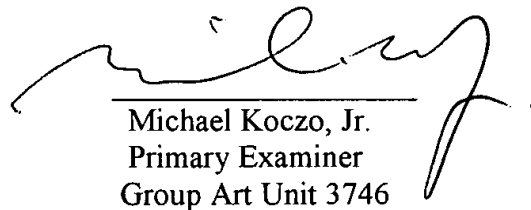
The reply filed on November 24, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment does not include the text of all pending claims. Withdrawn claims are pending claims and must be reproduced. See 37 CFR 1.111 and attachment.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Customer Service Office whose telephone number is 703-306-5648.

Any inquiry relating to patent applications in general should be directed to the Patent Assistance Center at 1-800-786-9199.



Michael Koczo, Jr.
Primary Examiner
Group Art Unit 3746

M. Koczo, Jr./mnk
January 8, 2004
TEL 703-308-2630
M-F 7:30 to 16:00
FAX 703-872-9306
After Final FAX 703-872-9303

REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE HIGHLIGHTS

Technical Support Staff

Requirements of the revised amendment practice of the final rule for all amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003 :

1. Each amendment section must begin on a separate sheet
2. A separate "clean" version of a currently amended paragraph or claim is **NO LONGER REQUIRED** (except for a substitute specification – see No. 5 below)
3. If the amendment adds, changes, or deletes any claim, a listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, must be provided as follows:
 - The claims must be listed in ascending numerical order
 - The text of all pending claims including withdrawn claims must be presented; no text for "canceled" or "not entered" claims
 - A status identifier must be presented in parentheses after the claim number for each claim; only the following identifiers are permitted: (original), (currently amended), (canceled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), and (not entered)
 - All "currently amended" claims must have markings to show changes; the only markings permitted are underlining for added matter, strikethrough and double brackets [[]] (for five or fewer characters) for deleted matter
 - Grouping of consecutive "canceled" or "not entered" claims permitted (e.g., claims 2-8 (canceled))
4. Upon receipt of a complete listing of all claims, LIEs should cancel all previous versions of claims in the application by drawing a line through the previous versions of claims
5. Amendments to the specification by marked-up replacement paragraphs or sections only - no clean replacement paragraph or section is required; **NO** replacement sheets permitted
 - Note, however, that for substitute specifications, rule 1.125 continues to require both a clean and marked-up copy
6. Drawing changes without markings - clean replacement drawing sheets only – annotated sheet(s) showing changes may be submitted
 - Explanation separately provided